The Northern, Western and Southern Regions also supplied seasonal surplus power to the extent of 328.1 MU, 1666.7 MU and 518.1 MU respectively to other regions during 1999-2000.

Expansion of Power Transmission

†4059. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that power shortage can be met by improvement and expansion in the power transmission in the country;

(b) whether Government have conducted any study in the matter and prepared a report in this regard;

(c) if so, the comprehensive details thereof; and

(d) if the report has since not been prepared, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) Yes, Sir. By improving the Transmission and Distribution (T&D) system in the country, the shortages of electricity can be reduced both due to reduction in T&D losses as well as by transferring the surplus power available in the States/Regions to the deficit states/ regions.

(b) to (d) A Perspective Transmission Plan for the time frame 2011-2012 has been prepared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in June, 1999. The objective of the Perspective Plan is formation of a National Grid in a phased manner. This will facilitate the transfer of power across the regions. The transmission system identified covers the network required for evacuation of power from major generation projects and for inter regional transfer.

Production vis-a-vis charging cost by electricity

†4060. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :
DR. D. MASTHAN :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

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(a) whether it is a fact that the electricity being used in the industrial and commercial sector is charged from the consumers more than the average cost of electricity generation; and

(b) if so, the estimated percentage of over charging the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) As per the annual statement of accounts of the SEBs for the year 1997-98, the average realisation from industrial and commercial sector is more than the average cost of supply. While the average cost of supply during 1997-98 was 227.30 P/KWH, average realisation from industrial and commercial sector was 324.34 P/KWH and 319.54 P/KWH respectively. The estimated percentage of average realisation to cost of supply from industrial and commercial sector thus works out to 142.69% and 140.58% respectively.

Power generation projects under construction

†4061. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :
DR. D. MASTHAN :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to complete those on going power generation projects on priority basis which are being completed five years after their original time schedule;

(b) if so, the names of such projects alongwith the names of the states where these projects are under construction and the reasons for delay in their construction; and

(c) by when these projects are decided to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) Intensive efforts are being made to complete all on-going power projects including those which have been under implementation for more than five years. The names of such projects alongwith the States where they are located, reasons for delay and expected

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